

2014-2018 Consolidated Plan Public Input Survey



Every five years the City of Wichita prepares a Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This plan is required in order for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

CDBG funds are designed to benefit low to moderate income people, prevent or eliminate slums or blight and address community development needs. HOME funds are designed for the development of and support for affordable housing. CDBG and HOME funds can be used to help stabilize neighborhoods. ESG funds are intended to help people avoid homelessness, provide temporary shelter if they become homeless, and help the homeless move into long-term transitional or permanent housing.

The ConPlan is expected to identify housing needs, analyze market conditions, and establish program and spending priorities to address the needs of the community. Public input is an essential part of identifying community needs to be included in the ConPlan. Please share your thoughts in this survey so that we can prepare a plan that reflects the spirit of our community.

1. Do you believe Wichita is a good place for everyone to live?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Are there any groups for whom Wichita is not a good place to live? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Women
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Older persons
- ☐ Young adults
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Families
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ Racial/ethnic minorities
- ☐ Ex-offenders

3. Which of the following do you think provides the best way to help people escape poverty? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Jobs
- ☐ Adult education
- ☐ Budget counseling
- ☐ Child care
- ☐ Safe, affordable housing
- ☐ Reliable transportation

4. Which of the following options best describes your definition of affordable housing:
- ☐ Housing that costs no more than 30% of a person's income
 - ☐ Housing that costs no more than 50% of a person's income
5. Do you believe the City of Wichita has a need for affordable housing?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
6. What do you think are the top three groups of people who are most in need of affordable housing? Please select three.
- ☐ Homeless individuals
 - ☐ Homeless families
 - ☐ Working poor (earning minimum wage)
 - ☐ Senior citizens (over age 55)
 - ☐ Single parent families
 - ☐ Teens/young adults who are released from foster care due to their age
 - ☐ Ex-offenders who return to the community after serving time in prison
 - ☐ Persons with disabilities
7. What do you think are the top three conditions that lead to residential neighborhood stability? Please select three.
- ☐ Crime rate
 - ☐ Presence of gangs
 - ☐ Abandoned properties
 - ☐ Majority homeowners
 - ☐ Close proximity of grocery stores, restaurants and other services
 - ☐ Play areas for children
 - ☐ Sidewalks
 - ☐ Paved streets
 - ☐ Well-kept properties
8. Which one of the following do you believe to be the best way to PREVENT people from becoming homeless? Please select one.
- ☐ Jobs which pay more than minimum wage
 - ☐ Housing that costs no more than 30% of a family's income
 - ☐ Temporary financial assistance for rent or utilities to avoid eviction
 - ☐ Expansion of federal programs like Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

9. For those people who are homeless, what are the best TEMPORARY solutions that a community can implement for them? Please select your top three.

- ☐ Increase the number of outreach teams to get the homeless off the streets
- ☐ Create more temporary shelters
- ☐ Provide counseling and referral services in temporary shelters
- ☐ Provide jobs and/or job training in the shelters
- ☐ Place time limits on how long a family or individual can stay in a shelter

10. For people who are homeless, what are the best types of PERMANENT solutions that a community can implement for them? Select all your top three.

- ☐ Provide jobs that pay more than minimum wage
- ☐ Expand federal programs like Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- ☐ Make the homeless a priority for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher or Public Housing programs
- ☐ Create job programs for the homeless
- ☐ Build special housing for the homeless

Feel free to add additional comments on any of the questions or topics in this survey, here or on the back.

Return the completed survey to:

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Responses are due no later than November 15, 2013.